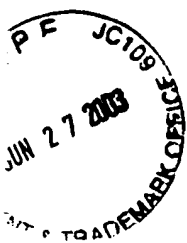


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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted in response to the January 27, 2003 Office Action issued by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action was originally due April 27, 2003. A petition for a two-month extension of time extending the due date to June 27, 2003 accompanies this Amendment. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.